

the certificate shall be determined according to this section.

(ii) If debits are not offset within the specified time period, the number of vehicles not meeting the fleet average NMOG standards and not covered by the certificate shall be calculated by dividing the total amount of debits for the model year by the fleet average NMOG standard applicable for the model year and averaging set in which the debits were first incurred. If both averaging sets are in debit, any applicable credits will first be allocated between the averaging sets according to the manufacturer's expressed preferences. Then, the number of vehicles not covered by the certificate shall be calculated using the revised debit values.

(iii) EPA will determine the vehicles for which the condition on the certificate was not satisfied by designating vehicles in those engine families with the highest certification NMOG emission values first and continuing until a number of vehicles equal to the calculated number of noncomplying vehicles as determined above is reached. If this calculation determines that only a portion of vehicles in an engine family contribute to the debit situation, then EPA will designate actual vehicles in that engine family as not covered by the certificate, starting with the last vehicle produced and counting backwards.

(4) If a manufacturer opts out of the National LEV program pursuant to § 86.1707, the manufacturer continues to be responsible for offsetting any debits outstanding on the effective date of the opt-out within the required time period. Any failure to offset the debits will be considered to be a violation of paragraph (d)(1) of this section and may subject the manufacturer to an enforcement action for sale of vehicles not covered by a certificate, pursuant to paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(5) For purposes of calculating tolling of the statute of limitations, a violation of the requirements of paragraph (d)(1) of this section, a failure to satisfy the conditions upon which a certificate(s) was issued and hence a sale of vehicles not covered by the certificate, all occur upon the expiration of

the deadline for offsetting debits specified in paragraph (d)(1) of this section.

(e) *NMOG credit transfers.* (1) EPA may reject NMOG credit transfers if the involved manufacturers fail to submit the credit transfer notification in the annual report.

(2) A manufacturer may not sell credits that are not available for sale pursuant to the provisions in paragraphs (c)(2) or (d)(2) of this section.

(3) Except in instances of fraud on the part of the credit recipient, where a manufacturer sells credits that were not available for sale, the credits shall be treated as valid, and the manufacturer that sold the credits shall be liable for any resulting shortfall.

(4)(i) If a manufacturer transfers a credit that it has not generated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section or acquired from another party, the manufacturer will be considered to have generated a debit in the model year that the manufacturer transferred the credit. The manufacturer must offset such debits by the deadline for the annual report for that same model year.

(ii) Failure to offset the debits within the required time period will be considered a failure to satisfy the conditions upon which the certificate(s) was issued and will be addressed pursuant to paragraph (d)(3) of this section.

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#### **§ 86.1711–99 Limitations on sale of Tier 1 vehicles and TLEVs.**

(a) In the 2001 and subsequent model years, manufacturers may sell Tier 1 vehicles and TLEVs in the NTR only if vehicles with the same engine families are certified and offered for sale in California in the same model year, except as provided under § 86.1707(d)(4).

(b) [Reserved]

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